

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 18-25 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The amended claims submitted on 03/19/2010 overcome the previous 112 first rejections disclosed in the office action dated 01/25/2010. The amendments to the claim specifically disclose the structure of the device over the prior art of record. For example, the prior art of record that examiner feels is closest to the invention disclosed is U.S. Patent #7,416,140 to Camilleri et al. Camilleri discloses an apparatus which uses a plug that can be inserted into the device in 2 positions, the first position allowing the reservoir to be vented, and the second position sealing off the reservoir.
3. However, the instant application defines over the prior art of record by including the limitations of the closure element being in engagement with the exterior surface, and the closure element being composed of a hollow cylindrical base body having an internal diameter substantially equal to the preselected external diameter of the open hollow cylinder, and a cap formed on one end of said base body. This particular limitation clearly overcomes the closure element disclosed by Camilleri and therefore the claims are allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JUSTIN JONAITIS whose telephone number is (571)270-5150. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thurs 6:30am - 5:00 pm EST.

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